

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Clerk Christopher R. Lucy, Curtis Hartman, Jan Worthington, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Bill Worthington, Susan Kadar, Carol Nickerson, Mark Peters, Fred Schilpp, John Monohan, Kevin Kuechler, Lucinda Worthington, Steve Desroche of the Cape Codder and Mike Iaquessa of the Banner.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 16, 2006, as presented. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Public Comment: None.

Interview: ZBA: Mr. Efromson has applied to fill a vacancy on the CAC. After questioning him as to his interest and ability to serve, Mr. Lucy moved to appoint Alan Efromson as an alternate member of the ZBA for a one-year term ending June 30, 2007. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Housing Issues: Ms. Kadar asked the BOS to support her proposal that the five Lower Cape towns petition the legislature for special legislation to increase the income eligibility for affordable housing from the current 80% of the area median income. Both islands have this legislation. Mr. Gaechter moved to proceed with creating and developing an article for a fall STM to petition the legislation to increase the income eligibility for affordable housing. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5

The Housing Authority would like to apply for a second TAP grant for \$5k to defray the cost for legal consultation in drafting the RFP for the Snows Road house, and to obtain development advice in reviewing the proposals and negotiating contracts. Since the TAP policy is for one applicant/one award per fiscal year, it is a long shot. But Ms. Kadar asked the BOS to support their efforts. Mr. Gaechter moved to jointly apply for a TAP grant as specified. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

COA Grant application: Ms. Nolan explained this was a usual grant from Elder Affairs to cover the cost of the COA newsletter. Mr. Palmer moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign it. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Liaison assignments: Mr. Gaechter had previously e-mailed the members his proposal. Mr. Lucy and Mr. Hartman asked to have one of their assignments switched. Mr. Hartman will be the liaison to the School Committee, and Mr. Lucy will liaise with the Historical Review Board. The other members accepted their assignments as proposed. Mr. Gaechter will draft a letter to the Boards and Committees to which should be attached a copy of the new assignments. Mr. Palmer requested that their secretary provide them with the latest updated Boards/Committee list.

Reader File: Mr. Palmer proposed a return to the policy of a reader file for incoming correspondence that requires no action on the part of the Board, instead of the current policy of having the secretary copy and distribute the material to each member. Discussion followed. Mr. Lucy remarked that he finds access to town hall after hours difficult. Mr. Gaechter directed that they would give it a six month trial.

Recognition of Service: Lloyd Rose: Ms Worthington moved to name the new park after Lloyd Rose in recognition of his time and service to the town. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Under discussion, Mr. Gaechter asked if there weren't others who were equally deserving and not so honored. He noted that there was no procedure for this, and suggested that they should put this on the table and see if there is any public comment. He thought perhaps the newspapers could help with this, and directed the Town Administrator to put it on the website to solicit public comment. **The motion and second were withdrawn.**

Curb Cut Policy #28: Mr. Lucy outlined the changes he would like to see made. He will give the additions/changes to the Secretary, and once she has incorporated them the BOS will discuss them again.

Access to Town Counsel Policy #10: After discussion, the Board decided to leave this policy as it is.

Town Administrator's Report: (action items)

- Received notification from Slade Associates that they cannot find any documentation that Meeting House Road where it meets the Pamet has ever been laid out, and asking if the town wants to pursue the Snow's Landing survey. Mr. Slade suggested the town may want to do a proper layout, and may want to do a land taking as well. The layout will cost approximately \$3,420. Ms. Worthington thought they should pursue this because there has always been access to the river there. Mr. Gaechter noted that they just decided there will be no kayak launching at the new park, so perhaps they shouldn't encourage launching at this site. Ms. Nolan noted that if the town doesn't own the road, then the Colonial Ordinance won't work. This ordinance allows for boating and fishing, but not swimming. The consensus was to proceed with the layout. Ms. Nolan told the BOS that it may have to wait until after July 1st because funds in the budget for this purpose are almost expended. Mr. Gaechter directed her to get an opinion from the Harbor Master and the Pamet Harbor Commission on the issue of Snow's Landing, and the BOS should hold a joint meeting with them.

Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)

Gaechter -The Energy Committee has received an offer of technical assistance in putting together a wind energy proposal. The MTC would like to make a presentation to the BOS. Ms. Nolan was directed to place them on the June 27th agenda and send them a letter confirming the date and time.

- He received a letter from Bill Worthington, the new Chair of the Planning Board, in

which it was suggested that the BOS change its meeting time. They felt this may improve their communication, and then the BOS liaison could attend the Planning Board meetings. After discussion, it was decided to leave it as it is.

Next week's agenda: Mr. Gaechter suggested canceling their next meeting since it falls on the day after Memorial Day. The other members agreed.

At 7:18 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to convene in Executive Session under the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B to discuss contract negotiations and land negotiations and to not reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Hartman, aye; Palmer, aye; Gaechter, aye; Lucy, aye; Worthington, aye. 5-0, unanimous.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk

Curtis Hartman

Janet W. Worthington

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